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REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 22, 2002 (Paper No. 6), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner for Patents under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) to extend the time for filing a response to the Office Action mailed October 22, 2002 for three (3) months from January 22, 2003 to April 22, 2003. Please charge the fee for the three-month extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-3372.

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AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

Please amend claim 1, as shown in the attached sheet (page 4).